DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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Re: Naftin
Docket No. 88E-0183

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U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Mr. Van Horn:

This is in regard to the patent term extension application for U.S. Patent No. 4,282,251 filed by Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corp., under 35 U.S.C. 156. The patent claims the human drug product named Naftin, New Drug Application (NDA) number 19-599.

In the June 24, 1988 issue of the Federal Register, the Food and Drug Administration published its determination of the product's regulatory review period, as required under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(2)(A). The notice provided that on or before December 21, 1988, 180 days after the publication of the determination, any interested person could file a petition with FDA under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(2)(B)(i) for a determination of whether the patent term extension applicant acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period.

The 180-day period for filing a due diligence petition pursuant to the notice regarding Naftin has expired, and FDA has received no such petition. FDA, therefore, considers Naftin's regulatory review period determination to be final.

Please let me know if we can provide further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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